



THIS OCTOBER LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD, FOR THE LORD'S PRAYER STATES "THY WILL BE

DONE". HOWEVER THY WILL BE DONE DOESN'T MEAN YOU GIVE UP THE RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE GOOD CHOICES . IT MEANS YOU ACCEPT WHATEVER IS IN FRONT OF YOU WITH SINCERE GRATITUDE, AS GOD'S WILL, YOU PUT IT IN PERSPECTIVE; YOU LEARN WHAT YOU CAN FROM IT; AND YOU GO FROM THERE WISER AND MORE ASTUTE, WITHOUT PERPETUATING A DOWNWARD CYCLE. ALONG THE WAY , IF THERE'S BEEN SUFFERING, YOU LOOK FOR WAYS TO PUT THAT IN PERSPECTIVE , TOO. YOU ACCEPT THAT THERE'S A PLAN THAT IS BIGGER AND BETTER THAN YOU COULD POSSIBLY AND RATIONALLY UNDERSTAND. AND YOU FIND A WAY TO REJOICE IN THE LIFE GOD HAS GRANTED TO YOU, ON THE ROAD HE'S GIVEN YOU TO WALK, WHEREVER THAT ROAD LEADS.

LET US TAKE THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED AND DISCOVER NEW WAYS TO ENHANCE OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY OF FAITH AND TAKE THE RISK NESCESSARY TO WATER THE SEEDS TO GROW INTO THE VINE WE WERE CALLED TO SHARE IN THIS WONDEROUS WORLD WE LIVE .

BLESSINGS  
REV DENNIS





## OCTOBER WISHES

***Happy Birthday to the following  
Church Members!***

Steven Sugrue 10/1  
Melissa Saliva 10/6  
Franca Grzybowski 10/7  
Madilyn Chalker 10/7  
Robin Griskus 10/10  
Juan Ortiz 10/10  
Karen Cotner 10/11  
Joanne Mason 10/11  
Sarah Cooley 10/11  
Karen Elwell 10/14  
Kimberly Walters 10/14

Krista Walters 10/16  
Joanna Rocco 10/17  
Daria Deaquiar 10/21  
Erin Hughes 10/20  
Catherine Crouse 10/20  
Matthew Reed 10/22  
George Walters, Jr. 10/23  
Marilyn St. George 10/29  
Linda Lindsay 10/30  
Matthew Elwell 10/30  
Richard Casey, Jr. 10/31



## C. E. News

Starting October 1, 2023 the  
baby room will be open from

10 to 11:15 am on Sunday mornings. It will  
again be regularly staffed with Mrs. Nancy and  
Miss Menishia. The room is open for babies,  
Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners.



## Crafts and Laughs!

We will be hosting an unpainted wood sale after church on October 1<sup>st</sup> and October 8<sup>th</sup>. On October 8 we will also be holding a painting workshop.

## GWIM FOOD BANK DONATIONS

### GWIM IS IN NEED OF THE

**FOLLOWING:** Barbara Dublin contacted us.

The Food Pantry needs currently are:

barbecue sauce, tuna fish, garlic powder, garlic salt, canned chicken, canned beans.

They do not need cereal. Peanut Butter & Jelly, Cold Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Juice, tuna, canned soups-stews-chili, canned fruits, canned vegetables, beans (canned or dried), rice pouches, etc.

Other donations will be welcomed, but these will be the main focus. The food basket will be available each week in the Narthex.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed



### TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings time ends Sunday, November 5, 2023. at 2:00 a.m. Please

set your clocks **back** one hour before going to sleep on Saturday evening, November 4<sup>th</sup>.





## ***WISH LIST FOR SAFE HAVEN SHELTER***

- ◆ Liquid Laundry detergent
- ◆ Canned Juice
- ◆ Dish Detergent
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Jars of Baby Food
- ◆ Toilet Paper
- ◆ Women's socks (new)
- ◆ Videos
- ◆ Nintendo Games
- ◆ Women's Underwear (new)
- ◆ Wash Cloths
- ◆ Gift Certificates
- ◆ Pillow Cases - Pillows
- ◆ Hair Brushes
- ◆ Diapers (large & ex-large)
- ◆ Cleaning Supplies
- ◆ Baby Cereal
- ◆ Napkins
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Children's Socks (new)
- ◆ Large Bath towels
- ◆ Fitted twin sheets
- ◆ Children's Underwear (new)

Safe Haven currently provides the following bilingual (English/Spanish) services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault: up to 60 days of shelter for women and their children; individual and peer group counseling; 24 hour crisis hotlines for domestic violence and sexual assault; legal advocacy information and referral; community education for adults and children; and court based family violence victim advocacy.

**Please bring all your donations for Safe Haven on the third Sunday.**



## **NOTES FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/YOUTH/ Maintenance Super**



Just like that, October is here! We have a busy schedule over the next two months. Preparations are underway for the 2023 edition of the **Haunted House**, we can always use the help and if you are interested please contact the church office or see me following me following worship. The event is October 27 & 28, we are all set with decorations but donations of candy are welcome.

**Bell Choir** has returned and is going quite well. We meet every other Thursday on the week the bell choir doesn't meet. **Music of the Light** will take place as always, you're more than welcome to attend live or you can view on facebook live from home. Choir rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:15pm and we welcome all who are interested in coming down and sharing their time and talent.

The **Annual Church Fair** is coming up on November 11, from 10 am-3pm, we already have several vendors and open an invitation to others that might want to join us. For questions regarding the fair please contact Cathy Crouse or myself.

The **church library** located in the office hallway is full and open to the public, the library consists of various authors and topics, we currently do not need anymore book donations.

We have just begun watching season 3 of **The Chosen** on Wednesday evenings and will meet every other week. Potluck so bring a dish or dessert to share, we gather at 6:00 pm and begin viewing at 6:30 with discussion in-between episodes.

Donations of walkers, wheelchairs, etc. We don't need anymore, we appreciate the donations but do not need anymore! Sunday October 1 at 11:15am YES or Youth engaged in service will meet from 11:15-11:45 to discuss our project for the month, YES is geared for ages 11 and up. If you have any questions please see me after worship or through the church office during the week.

Blessings to all,  
Stewart Crouse



## Dear members, we need your help!

October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> will be our annual Haunted House/Halloween Party and once again I am calling upon the generosity of the congregation to donate candy and decorations for the cause. We will begin collecting donations on October 14<sup>th</sup> and right up until the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Furthermore, if you are interested in volunteering for setup, operation, or take down, please contact me (Stewart Crouse at 706-9824). There is a little something for everyone to do.



# Youth

As a reminder, we will need donations and help for the event, set-up, operation tear down. If you have any questions, please see me.



## Haunted House Halloween Party

**Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> &  
Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>**  
At First Congregational Church  
222 West Main Street  
Waterbury!

games – crafts – trick or treating - snacks  
Come and enjoy! Wear your costumes!

**Time of event: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

**Reservations a must!**

Call 203-757-0331 by the 20<sup>th</sup>

**Cost: \$2.00 Adults - \$1.00 per Child**



**The Lion's Club** is the world's largest service club. We collect eyeglasses, repair and recycle them throughout the world. We help all people who have eye problems including Waterbury with a Low Vision Center here at our church.



**Waterbury Lion's Club**  
**Ziti Dinner Fundraiser**  
**Wednesday, October 11, 2023**  
**5:00 pm – 7:30 pm**  
**First Congregational Church**  
**222 West Main Street, Waterbury CT**  
**Adults: \$10.00 – Children \$4.00**

**Tickets: Gary Rosengrant, Steve Briotti or any member!**



## **CAN'T WIGGLE OUT OF THIS ONE!!**

To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special “No Excuse Sunday”

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say “Sunday is my only day to sleep in”

We will have to steal helmets for those who say “The roof would cave in if I ever came to church.”

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold, and fans for those who say it is too hot.

**Found this with Dot West's poems – thought I would share this.  
She titled it Church Newsletter.**